



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held March 30, 2004 the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County is home to a large and active equestrian community who enjoy our hundreds of miles of trails. However, these riders face risks where trails intersect roadways. While most drivers have little knowledge of horse behavior, equestrians understand that these large animals can become frightened near cars and traffic, creating a potentially hazardous situation.

“The California Vehicle Code states that the driver of any vehicle approaching any horse drawn vehicle or ridden animal shall reduce speed or stop as requested by the horseback rider to avoid frightening the animal and to insure the safety of both people and animals.

“To educate motorists in Los Angeles County about equestrians and the Vehicle Code to prevent accidents and injuries where automobiles and horses coexist, the Chatsworth Neighborhood Council's Equestrian Committee, the Chatsworth Equine Cultural Heritage Organization and Equestrian Trails Incorporated Corral 54, join us in hosting the First Annual ‘Los Angeles County Equestrian Safety Month’ during April 2004.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board proclaimed April 2004 as "Equestrian Safety Month" throughout Los Angeles County to encourage safety and to educate motorists and equestrians about the rules of the road to prevent accidents and injuries where cars and horses cross paths.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

Letters sent to:

- President, Equine Cultural Heritage Organization
- President, Chatsworth Neighborhood Council
- President, Equestrian Trails, Inc., Corral 54